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Protecting our lakes from invasive species is incredibly important to our state and towns. The reason is that much of the TAX REVENUE for towns come from shoreline properties. If there is an infestation, that lake is no longer desirable, the shoreland property values will plummet as will the tax revenues, putting our towns in dire financial need. If there is an infestation there will not be any demand for the real estate around a lake destroying the value of the homes of people that have invested in the state of Maine. If there is an infestation of a lake it takes away any reason for people to move to that area as the natural attraction, the lake, is now not attractive. Please support this bill as it is critically important to protecting one of the main drivers of economic value in the state.